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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: CHIEF OF STATE COL. MELGAR VISITED
ILSETA AREA AND LA CEIBA DURING WEEKEND MAY 10.
HE SPOKE WITH LABOR UNION AND LOCAL OFFICIALS. HE
STATED GOVERNMENT INTENTION TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS AND TO APPLY THE
AGRARIAN REFORM TO THE ISLETA AREA BOTH TO ASSIST
FORMER STANDARD EMPLOYEES AND OTHER CAMPESINOS IN
THE AREA. THIS DECISION WAS SUBJECT TO CABINET-LEVEL
MEETINGS DURING PRECEDING WEEK. END SUMMARY.

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2. COL. MELGAR, ACCOMPANIED BY MARIO MALDONADO, THE
DIRECTORSGF THE NATIONAL AGRARIAN INSTITUTE (INA) AND OTHER
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS VISITED THE ISLETA AREA AND HELD
CONVERSATIONS WITH THE "EMPRESA ASOCIATIVE DE ISLETA."

3. THE CHIEF OF STATE COMMITTED THE GOVERNMENT TO APPLY THE AGRARIAN REFORM AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN THE ISLETA AREA. THE COMMITMENT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOSPITAL FOR THE WORKERS AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS. THE MINISTRIES OF COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT ARE TO RECONSTRUCT THE RIVER LEVIES AND BRIDGES AS WELL AS THE ACCESS HIGHWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC WORKS IN THE ISLETA REGION.

4. IN CABINET LEVEL MEETING HELD PRIOR TO MELGAR'S TRIP FEW QUESTIONS WERE RAISED. LITTLE OR NO BACKGROUND DATA HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WITHIN INA CONCERNING LIKELY AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE AREA, OR THE "EMPRESA ASOCIATIVE" ORGANIZATION CONCEPT. REPORTEDLY, NEW GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO GO AHEAD ON THE INA SPONSORED PROGRAM WAS TAKEN WITHOUT MUCH DISCUSSION AND IN COMPLETE IGNORANCE OF THE RELEVANT FACTORS OF COST, LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCEFR OR POSSIBLE ALTERNITIVES. APPARENTLY THE SLOGAN, ISLETA SHOULD BE A "SHOWCASE FOR AGRARIAN REFORM" WAS SUFFICIENT TO BLOCK ANY CRITICAL DISCUSSION. COMMENT: THE GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO BE CREATING A VERY HUNGRY WHITE ELEPHANT.
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